



# Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

## Sutter Creek, CA

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Sutter Creek was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Sutter Creek (population 2,300) is a small community in California's historic Mother Lode mining district in the Sierra Nevada foothills. Its economy grew and flourished around the hard rock gold mining industry. The timber industry eventually replaced mining as the primary employer in Sutter Creek. With the closing of the mines and sharp downturn in the timber industry, the economy of the area stagnated. Sutter Creek has survived primarily on its attraction as a historic gold country town with much of its employment base in tourism and the supporting service industries. Assessment of the Historic Blacksmith Shop is expected to help facilitate the city's plan to preserve the site as a living history educational experience for the public.



### Assessment Grant



#### \$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Sutter Creek for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform a Phase II environmental site assessment at the Historic Blacksmith Shop and conduct community outreach activities.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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